Sky Islands and Desert Seas Restoration, Phase I: Goat Well Erosion-Control Structure

Need

Phase I of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Sky Islands and Desert Seas Restoration project consists of repairs to three major erosion-control structures, one of them being Goat Well. Major repairs to this erosion-control structure are needed to minimize the possibility of a catastrophic dam failure that would result in increased sedimentation and major habitat and resource damage to the San Simon and Gila watersheds.

The major components of work include repairing the drop spillway with energy dissipaters, applying concrete gunite to the face of the drop structure, cleaning outlet and trash racks, installing guardrail and vehicle barriers at the drop structure, and repairing the earthen structure that has been compromised. The construction is expected to begin by June 30, 2010, and be completed by December 31, 2010.



Recovery Act Funding

Information about the funding allocated for this BLM-Arizona American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) project will be released after the contracts have been awarded.

Benefits

Restoration of the San Simon watershed is a priority for the Gila Watershed Partnership, a grassroots organization that has garnered wide community support for its collaborative efforts to enhance the watershed. Preventing erosion will help speed the restoration of this damaged watershed; healthier habitats will result. The contract awarded will provide employment opportunities to qualified contractors.



More Information

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